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## HERMIT SUICIDE LEAVES WEALTH TO CATTON

### FORTUNE IS HIDDEN AWAY

Found Dead Last Friday, How-  
ell Left All to Local  
Friend

A fortune estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 gathered during a long life of close industry and secret hoarding, has been left to Robert R. Catton of this city by James Howell, the aged hermit who was found stretched across his bed, his brains blown out, at ten o'clock last Friday.

Howell's sensational death, discovered at a time when he was supposed to be on the steamship Manchuria bound for San Francisco, gave rise to many stories of his wealth, but it was not until this morning that the stories were run to earth and resulted in the discovery of a safety deposit box at the Hawaiian Trust Company offices in which lay the secrets of the old man's years of eager toil and self-denial. Three thousand dollars in gold, hundreds of shares of valuable sugar stock, bonds, oil stock, securities of all kinds, many of them negotiable, were in the box.

This afternoon Attorney A. A. Wilder, on behalf of young Catton, is filing for probate a will duly signed and witnessed in which Howell gives and bequeaths everything to Robert R. Catton.

The discovery of the hermit's wealth this morning was preceded by a court order obtained by Judge Wilder from Judge Whitney of the Circuit Court, in virtue of which order access was gained to the box at the Hawaiian Trust Company. Among the assets are four hundred shares of Pioneer sugar stock, the quotation on which today was \$34 bid and \$34.50 asked. The value of the estate can only be approximated now. Many of the stocks are of values not known here, and others have increased in value during the years they have been kept by Howell that they represent remarkably lucrative investments.

Howell was a carpenter by trade. He was a native of Wales and naturalized in New Jersey, it was said, and was believed to have been slightly

### IS DEPORTED FROM HAWAII, TO BE HANGED

Russian Immigrant with Tra-  
choma Expects Death for  
Desertion

PLEADS FOR MERCY, BUT  
U. S. LAW IS STRICT

"I Will Be Cured by Doctor  
Hangman," He Tells Sec-  
retary Kearns

Because he was suffering from trachoma, Czekalin Feodor, a recent Russian immigrant, has been sent back to Harbin to be executed and hanged as a deserter from the Russian army. This in Feodor's opinion will certainly be his fate unless he manages to elude the secret agents of the czar who swarm about the Japanese seaports at which the Shinyo Maru, on which Feodor is a passenger, touch.

Feodor did not go back to the direful fate threatening him without making numerous prayers for mercy. All proved unavailing, for the immigration law is not elastic, and although Feodor impressed the officials as telling the truth when he said he would be hanged, there was nothing to do but put him aboard ship with the whispered counsel that he leave the vessel at the first Japanese port and get as far away from the Russian sphere of influence as possible.

It was to Secretary Ralph Kearns of the Board of Immigration that Feodor told his story. When his deportation was decreed, Kearns called on the man with an interpreter and told him he would be sent back to Russia.

"Go back and get well," said Kearns. "They will give you a new passport. Harbin, and then you can return to Hawaii."

Feodor's Fate.

The bearded Russian shivered as the interpreter conveyed Kearns' message to him.

"Tell his excellency," he said, "that assuredly they will cure me of trachoma and of all other ills when I arrive at Harbin. Doctor the hangman will do this with a rope after the man with the knout has performed his work. I am a deserter from the army of the Little Father, and they will show no mercy toward me. They will not even shoot me. No, I will be beaten, and then I shall be hanged before the eyes of the regiment, and that will be the end of Feodor."

After close questioning Secretary

### Duke Leaves For Home August 26

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Duke Kahanamoku, world's champion swimmer and pride of Hawaii, will leave Philadelphia on August 26 for his home. This information was received this morning in a cablegram to Lew Henderson. Duke should arrive here on September 10, but may not come until a few days later. According to this program, he will not stop in California for competition.  
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### WATER LAWN IN EARLY MORN OR PAY PENALTY

It is now up to the residence of Nuuanu Valley, Alewa Heights and Punui to pray for rain in all seriousness, for it appears that a kindly Providence must intervene to save them from the rigid new rules of the Honolulu water department.

The order has gone forth that all residents in the districts named, who draw their supply from the Nuuanu Valley gravity system and who use water from the mains for irrigating purposes at any time of day other than between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock each morning, will be subject to immediate shut-off. This rule is to apply until rain comes to relieve the situation in the reservoirs, in which the water this morning showed the following depths: No. 1, 13 feet; No. 2, 9 feet; No. 3, 2 feet; No. 4, 17.6 feet, and No. 5, 1.2 feet.

Newspaper notices of the new rule already have been published, and Superintendent Campbell, discussing the situation this morning, wore a determined demeanor indicating that he intends enforcing the order to the letter. There are many of the city's finest residences and lawns in the district

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### DIAMOND HEAD SHAKEN WHEN MORTARS ROAR

Crowds See Projectiles Hurtle  
Into Clouds and Fall  
in Sea

MISFIRE PLACES  
RECORD IN DANGER

Shooting Close and Percentage  
of Hits May Make Up  
for Lost Time

After firing eight shots from the big mortar batteries at Port Ruger with swiftness and apparent precision this morning, the powder failed to ignite on the ninth charge causing a misfire. As a result the ten shots were fired in 31 minutes instead of the ten minutes allowed and even though the report on precision be A. I. the battery will be sadly handicapped as far as making a record is concerned, under the umpire, Lieut. Col. Campbell finds after investigation that the fault did not lie with the battery commander or his men.

The mortar practice with shells at targets lying out to sea as announced for this morning, brought out quite a crowd of spectators including a number of officers from other branches of the service. Governor Frear watched the firing for awhile and General Macomb was an interested observer from the fire control station on the crest of Diamond Head.

All of the eight mortars were fired, two of them twice to make out the round of ten shots, the other mortars loading when one was discharged. The practice this morning was at targets in the fourth zone, a range of about 3500 yards and this fact permitted the spectators to follow the course of the big shells as they went shrieking skyward to be lost for a moment in the clouds before hurtling downward to the target floating on the ocean.

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### P. M. SHIPS MAY BE SOLD

Passage of Canal Bill May  
Prompt Sale, Says J. F.  
Hackfeld

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company may sell out its ships to an independent company, in the event of the president's approval of the bill prohibiting the use of the Panama Canal to steamships in which any railroad company owns any interest whatsoever; at least, this is a possibility," said J. F. Hackfeld, president of H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., local agent of the Pacific Mail, this morning.

Mr. Hackfeld understood that the bill as it passed Congress contained the Senate amendment permitting steamships wholly or partly owned by railroads, which are engaged in foreign commerce, to pass through the canal and do a coastwise trade between oceanic ports if at least fifty per centum of their cargoes is destined to or shipped from Oriental or European ports.

Prohibition of the use of the canal by steamships owned or controlled by railroads, in Mr. Hackfeld's opinion, is of doubtful constitutionality as abrogating the rights of property. It might be used, in the way of reprisals, by a railroad company to destroy an independent steamship line, as a railroad company could secretly acquire shares in such company and thereby place it in the prohibited class.

F. W. Klebahn, secretary of H. Hackfeld & Co., did not see that there would be any use in following up the local opposition to the bill, which had been made by the Chamber of Commerce, now that the bill had gone to the President.

The Senate Compromise.  
Mail advices from the Coast indicate that the Senate compromise would not be accepted by either the Pacific Mail or the Southern Pacific Company. Senators were advised as far back as July 19 that the new bill must afford an equal treatment for

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### TAFT THREATENS TO VETO BILLS

Amendments Arouse Ire of Execu-  
tive -- Underwood Tries To  
Force Wool Revision Over  
Protest

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 12.—President Taft today emphatically threatened to veto the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills because of the amendments abolishing the U. S. Commerce Court and those limiting civil service employees to seven years in office.

### Underwood Lays Down Plans

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 12.—Representative Oscar W. Underwood leader of the House, will attempt to pass the wool tariff bill over the President's veto, and failing in this will desert in other tariff legislation for this session of Congress.

### Ty Cobb Hero of Holdup

(Associated Press Cable)  
SYRACUSE, N. Y., August 12.—Ty Cobb, the noted fielder of the Detroit American League team and champion batsman of the league, was held up last night by three drunken bandits while on his way to the railroad station in an automobile.

Stopped at the point of revolvers by the three men, the diamond hero jumped from his machine, knocked one of the men out with a blow of his fist and put another to rout. The third grappled with Cobb and stabbed him several times, but the baseball player received only slight injuries.

Mrs. Cobb was in the machine with her husband.

### LaFollette Charges Spies

(Associated Press Cable)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 12.—Senator LaFollette today created a sensation in the Senate by declaring that official spies had opened mail to prevent an investigation of the postal service, and that attempts to start an investigation had been learned of by this method.

### "HIT'ER UP," CHORUS GIRLS CRY, AND IT COSTS CHAUFFEUR \$10

Ed. Miller Obeys Request of  
Patrons to Extent of 40  
Miles an Hour

An automobile load of chorus girls squealing joyfully to "speed 'er up" was the cause of the arrest of Ed Miller, proprietor of the Miller garage, at midnight last night, and he was fined \$10 and costs this morning by Judge Monsarrat for speeding along King street at a 40-mile clip.

Miller was returning from Schofield Barracks when arrested, and had an automobile loaded with members of a musical comedy company now playing at a local theater. In front of him in another car was Albert Bowers, one of Miller's chauffeurs, who was also driving a bevy of chorus girls, members of the same company, which had been giving a performance at Leilehua earlier in the evening.

Motorcycle Officer Abreu was at his residence on Kaili street, Kaili, when the cloud of dust which resolved itself into two machines made its appearance, swirling along the road towards Schofield Barracks, late in the afternoon. Knowing that the speeders would be back in the evening, he took up his stand at the side of the road with his motorcycle ready.

Abreu Nails Miller.  
Shortly after midnight the machines came humming along the road and Abreu waited until they passed at a 40-mile rate, when he jumped on his motorcycle and gave chase. Abreu was directly behind Miller's machine, and after racing behind Miller for nearly a mile, he caught up with him in front of the Kamehameha Schools

and placed him under arrest. Bowers was not arrested, as he was concealed by Miller's car and his time could not be taken.

Miller pleaded guilty when arraigned before Judge Monsarrat this morning and was fined \$10 and costs. Judge Monsarrat declared that the light fine imposed was due to the fact that the circumstances of the case had not been explained to him and that the motorcycle officer failed to appear in court to state his case.

Colonel W. E. Wilder of Schofield Barracks narrowly escaped injury in an automobile accident at Kaipapa gulch yesterday afternoon, when the automobile in which he was riding collided with an automobile full of soldiers and women speeding along the road towards Honolulu.

The car in which Wilder was riding is the property of George Wells and was driven by Pulawa. The other car, which is alleged to have been on the wrong side of the road, was driven by L. Arao.

Wells Explains.  
In discussing the accident, George Wells said:

"I want to straighten out the much-jumbled account of the accident as it appeared in a morning paper.

"A. A. Wilder was not in my car. The only persons in my car were Col. W. E. Wilder, commander at Leilehua, and my chauffeur, who was driving the car. At Kaipapa gulch a car driven by a Japanese chauffeur came speeding towards, and on the wrong side of the road. My car was going to Leilehua. As my chauffeur could not turn out there was a collision, in which my car suffered some."

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### "HORSE AND HORSE" AT LEILEHUA WITH THREE "VETS" IN ARREST

Doctors Disagree on Methods  
of Treating the Precious  
Equines at Post

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)  
Schofield Barracks, August 12.—It is "horse and horse" with the three veterinarians at the cantonment now, since Drs. Robert Vans Agnew and James R. Haynes, of the Fifth Cavalry, and Dr. Lester E. Willyoung, of the Fifth Artillery, are all "in arrest" with charges preferred against them.

"What shall we do when doctors disagree?" is the time-honored query which, in this instance, was settled by putting all the disagreeing doctors in durance vile, until someone could solve the puzzle. While nominally under arrest, the three vets are of course attending to their regular duties so that the horses of the com-

mands, made doubly valuable by the fact that there are only about half enough to go around, are getting the best of attention. But the doctors do not speak as they pass by, and the situation is strained, to say the least.

The situation is the result of a three-cornered discussion in which the various schools of veterinary surgery figured to a considerable extent. Dr. Vans Agnew, being senior of the other two, wanted the horses doctoring according to his ideas, which, in turn, didn't fit in with the ideas of the regimental commander. Dr. Haynes and Dr. Willyoung had ideas of their own, which didn't agree with those of each other or those of Dr. Vans Agnew. Charges of insubordination were first preferred against Dr. Vans Agnew, but this did not quiet the troubled waters, and the situation finally became so acute that the other two found themselves in a similar box.

### TRANSPORT DANCE AT MOANA

The management of the Moana Hotel will give a dance this evening in honor of the officers and cabin passengers on the transport Sherman to which their guests, the Army and Navy people and local society folk are cordially invited. The Hawaiian orchestra will also play during the dinner hour.

A cable message received here yesterday stated that the condition of E. M. Watson, local attorney, who was stricken with paralysis while in Washington, is slightly improved. "Left side paralyzed. At hospital. Slightly improved. Wife is here," the cable read. The cable was received by the law firm of Thompson, Wilder, Watson & Lymer, of which Mr. Watson is a member. No further news was heard today.

### PLAN TO SHOW Y. M. C. A. IS NOT HOTEL, THEATER OR ZOO

Building to Wear Title in Big  
Black Letters, Says  
Super

"What time does the show start?"  
"Have you a room with a bath?"  
"Is the doctor in?"  
"Do you run a ratskeller in connection with this hotel?"  
"These are only a few questions asked," says Secretary Super of the Y. M. C. A., who until last week has been trying to find some means whereby the illusion that the local Y. M. C. A. building is a hospital, hotel, railway station or aquarium may be dispelled from the minds of strangers.

"The last straw fell last week," declared the secretary, "when a bland-faced youth stopping over on the Ventura wanted to know what time the animals were fed, so we are going to paint it black."

"Paint what black?" inquired the bystander.

"Why the stone lettering over the entrance," answered the secretary.

The directors are also planning the installation of a large electric "Y" over the door and the secretary says that he hopes with these additions to the front of the building that the office force will cease to be importuned by young women for board and lodging.

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### DILLINGHAM BEGIN WORK ON \$300,000 JOB

"Work on the Schofield barracks, under the contract awarded to this company on Saturday, commenced this morning," Walter F. Dillingham, manager of the Hawaiian Dredging Company, said to a Star-Bulletin reporter.

"Yes, it is the first house-building contract the company has ever had. We bid for one before."

Referring to the Pearl Harbor drydock contract, Mr. Dillingham remarked:

"A satisfactory arrangement has been made between the government and the contractors for a change in the specifications which will permit of the use of the new mixture of concrete that has been shown by experiment to give the results sought."

"The pouring of this under-water concrete for the making of the lower layer of the dock will commence in a few days. Work will be carried on in Section 2 of the dock. While this construction work is in progress the concrete that proved a failure in Section 1 will be removed."

"If Congress as anticipated appropriates the funds for the extension of the dock to 1000 feet in length, the matter will be taken up by a board of government engineers who will fix the price for this additional work. I see no reason why operations on this contract should not be pushed from now on at a rapid rate."

### VON HOLT TELLS WHY HE WON'T RUN FOR MAYOR

"I stand in precisely the same position as I stated last Friday," said H. M. von Holt this morning relative to his refusal of the businessmen's nomination for the mayoralty.

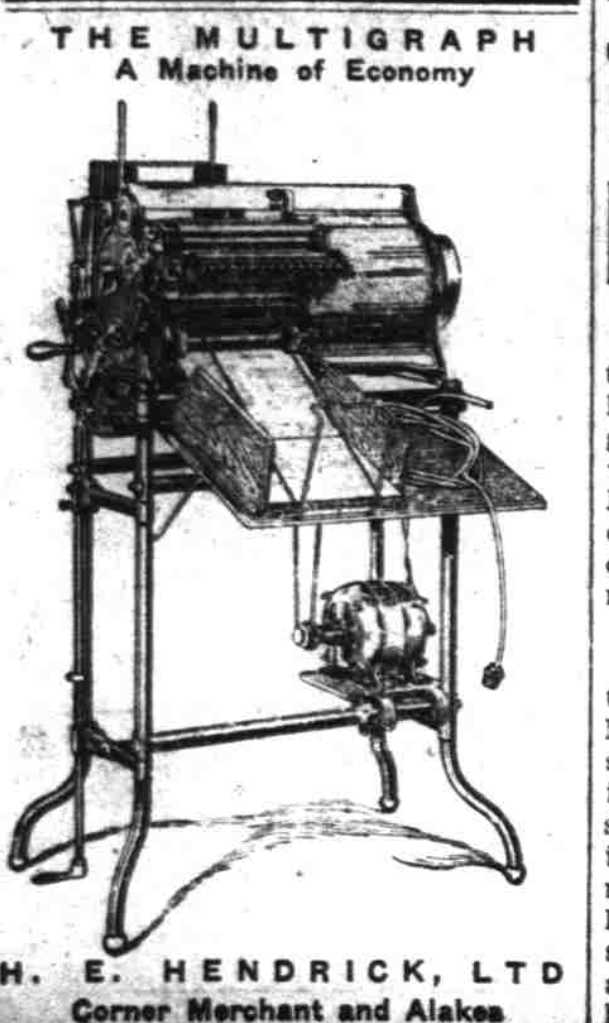
"None of the committee have spoken to me since on the matter, but perhaps they are only taking their own time about doing so."

"However, I have decided not to enter the contest for the office of mayor of Honolulu. I am going away in September to place my son in Yale, and will be absent during the heat of the campaign."

"There seems to have been some misunderstanding about naming me among those who had signified their willingness to stand for different offices. The only thing said to me was a casually-spoken remark by Walter Dillingham, to the effect that he had been informed I was wanted to run for mayor."

"It is far from satisfactory the way that businessmen have been doing politics the past twenty years. In my precinct at last election there were about sixty white voters. Perhaps twenty of these will turn out to a precinct club meeting, yet I will be asked why our precinct does not send a more representative delegation than it does to the convention."

It takes an easy going man to make a successful angler.



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